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flame cell *n* (1888) : a hollow cell that has a tuft of vibratile cilia and is part of some lower invertebrate excretory systems (as of a platyhelminthic worm)

flam-mén \flā-mən\ *n.* **pl** flamens or flam-línes \flā-mā-nēz\ [ME *flamin*, fr. L *flamen*] **flamín** (14c) : a priest esp. in ancient Rome

flam-men-co \flā-mē-ko\ (*Jkōl n. pl -cos*) [Sp. fr. *flamenco* of the Gypsies, lit., Flemish, fr. MD *Fleming* Fleming] (1896) **1** : a vigorous rhythmic dance style of the Andalusian Gypsies; also : a dance in flamenco style **2** : music or song suitable to accompany a flamenco dance

flame-out \flām-aút\ *n* (1950) **1** : the unintentional cessation of operation of a jet airplane engine **2** : a sudden downfall, failure, or cessation **3** : a person whose successful career ends abruptly

flame out vi (1951) : fail spectacularly and esp. prematurely

flame photometer *n* (1945) : a spectrophotometer in which a spray of metallic salts in solution is vaporized in a very hot flame and subjected to quantitative analysis by measuring the intensities of the spectral lines of the metals present — **flame photometric adj** — **flame photometry** *n*

flame-proof \flām-prūf\ *adj* (1886) : resistant to damage or burning on contact with flame — **flameproof vi** — **flame-proofer** *n*

flame-retardant *adj* (1947) : made or treated so as to resist burning

flame stitch *n* (1936) : a needlepoint stitch that produces a pattern resembling flames

flame-thrower \v-thrō-zə\ *n* (1917) **1** : a device that expels from a nozzle a burning stream of liquid or semiliquid fuel under pressure **2** : a pitcher who throws hard : a fastball pitcher

flame tree *n* (1860) : any of several trees or shrubs with showy scarlet or yellow flowers; as : a tree (*Brachychion acerifolium* of the family Sterculiaceae) of southern Australia with panicles of brilliant scarlet flowers **B**: ROYAL POINCIANA

flaming *adj* (14c) **1** : resembling or suggesting a flame in color, brilliance, or wavy outline (the ~ sunset sky) (~ red hair) **2** : being on fire : BLAZING (a ~ torch) **3** : INTENSE, PASSIONATE (~ youth) **4** — used as an intensive (you ~ idiot) — **flamingly** *adv*

a-min-go \flā-mīng-gō\ (*Jgōl n. pl -gos* also -goes) [obs. Sp *flamengo* now *flumenco*], lit., Fleming, German (conventionally thought of as auddy-complexioned) (1565) : any of several large aquatic birds (family Phoenicopteridae) with long legs and neck, webbed feet, a broad iridescent bill resembling that of a duck but abruptly bent downward, and usu. rosy-white plumage with scarlet wing coverts and black wing tips

flam-ma-bil-i-ty \flā-mā-'bi-lā-tē\ *n* (1646) : ability to support combustion : esp : a high capacity for combustion

flam-mable \flā-mā-bal\ *adj* [L *flammare* to flame, set on fire, fr. *ignis*] (1813) : capable of being easily ignited and of burning quickly

flammable *n*

n flamm. \flān\ *n* [*F*. fr. OF *flaum*, fr. LL *fludan-*, *fludo* flat cake, of Celtic origin; akin to OHG *fludo* flat cake] (1846) **1 a** : an open pie containing any of various sweet or savory fillings **b** : custard baked in a caramel glaze **2** : the metal disk of a coin, token, or medal as distinguished from the design and lettering stamped on it

neur also **flā-neur** \flā-'nor\ *n* [*F* *flâneur*] (1854) : an idle man-about-town

flange \flanj\ *n* [perh. alter. of *flanch* a curving charge on a heraldic shield] (ca. 1735) **1** : a rib or rim for strength, for guiding, or for attachment to another object (~ on a pipe) (~ on a wheel) **2** : a projecting edge of cloth used for decoration on clothing (a jacket with shoulders)

flange v **flanged** : **flanging** *v* (ca. 1859) : to furnish with a flange

flank \flank\ *n* [ME, fr. OF *flanc*, of Gmc origin; akin to OHG *flunco* flank — more at FLANK] (bef. 12c) **1 a** : the fleshy part of the side between the ribs and the hip; broadly : the side of a quadruped **b** : a part of meat from this part of an animal — see BEEF illustration **2 a** : DE **b** : the right or left of a formation **3** : the area along either side of a heraldic shield

flank v (1594) **1 a** : to be situated at the side of; esp : to be situated on each side of (a road ~ed with linden trees) **b** : to place something on each side of **2** : to protect a flank of **3** : to attack or threaten the flank of (as a body of troops)

flank \flānk\ *n* [Yiddish, pl. of *flank*, lit., flank, ultim. fr. OF *flanc*] (1950) : beef flank cooked esp. by boiling

flanker \flānk-kər\ *n* (1940) : a football player stationed wide of the formation slightly behind the line of scrimmage as a pass receiver — also *flanker back*

steak *n* (1902) : a pear-shaped muscle of the beef flank; also : a steak cut from this muscle — see BEEF illustration

flannel \flā-nəl\ *n* [ME *flannet* woolen cloth or garment] (1503) **1 a** : fine twilled wool or worsted fabric with a loose texture and a slight-napped surface **b** : a napped cotton fabric of soft yarns simulating the texture of wool flannel **c** : a stout cotton fabric usu. napped on one side **2 pl** **a** : flannel underwear **b** : outer garments of flannel; men's trousers **3 Brit** : WASHCLOTH **4 Brit** : flattering or evasive talk — also NONSENSE, RUBBISH — **flannelled** *adj* — **flannel-y** \-nəl-ē\ *adj*

flannellette \flā-nē-'lē\ *n* (ca. 1882) : a lightweight cotton flannel

flannel-mouthed \flān-'mauth-, -mauthəd\ *adj* (ca. 1893) **1** : speaking indistinctly **2** : speaking in a tricky or ingratiating way

flap \flap\ *n* [ME *flappe*] (14c) **1** : a stroke with something broad and flat that is broad, limber, or flat and usu. thin and that hangs loose or moves freely; as : a piece on a garment that hangs free **b** : a part of a book jacket that folds over the book's cover **c** : a piece of tissue severed from its place of origin for use in surgical grafting **d** : an extended part forming the closure (as of an envelope or carton) **e** : a motion of something broad and limber (as a sail or wing) **f** : a mobile auxiliary airfoil usu. attached to an airplane wing's trailing edge to increase lift or drag — see AIRPLANE illustration **6 a** : a state

kitten \kɪtən\ *n* **1** : further **2** : ash **3** : ace **4** : mop, mar
out **5** : chin **6** : bet **7** : easy **8** : go **9** : hit **10** : ice **11** : job
out **12** : go **13** : law **14** : bet **15** : chin **16** : thin **17** : the **18** : foot **19** : foot
20 : zh) vision, beige **21** : h, e, ee, oo See Guide to Pronunciation

Appendix A

hat *n* (1837) : a soft usu. felt hat with a wide flexible brim
'slau-ché' *adj* blouch-i-er, -est (ca. 1693) : lacking erectness



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